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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I recently received in the mail a solicitation from the Natural Resources Defense Council, Incorporated of 15 West 44th Street, New York, New York 10036. This letter sought my support in a campaign to generate "broad public interest and participation" in the fight against the liquid metal fast breeder reactor. It also enclosed a reprint of an article by Margaret Mead attacking the breeder and nuclear energy in general. Although the breeder was the most specific target of this attack, all forms of nuclear power generation appeared to be almost equally condemned in this communication.

The Board of Trustees lists you as a member. I am aware of your adherence to Professor Bethe's letter concerning nuclear power. I would appreciate your letting me know whether the Bethe letter or the Natural Resources Defense Council letter more accurately represents your view on the matter. This issue is one of great importance to the country and I believe that those whose scientific opinions count and who are concerned about the issue should remove any source of ambiguity concerning their views.

Yours sincerely,

  
Donald F. B. Jameson

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